

ANTOINE ROBIDOUX.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 694.]

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Mr. BUFFINTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Antoine Robidoux, a citizen of the Territory of New Mexico, make the following report :*

That this claim was before the thirty-fourth Congress, and the Committee on Military Affairs of that Congress, during the first session, made the following report thereon :

“That the said Robidoux was employed by General Kearney, in 1846, to proceed with his command as an interpreter ; that he attached him to his staff, and promised to send to Washington and obtain a commission for him, which, if ever sent for, was never received by the memorialist. The said Robidoux marched with the army to Santa Fé, in New Mexico, and thence to California, where, at a place called San Pascual, on the 6th of December, 1846, a battle ensued with the Mexicans, in which the said Robidoux was wounded with a lance in the spine, which produced blindness, under which unfortunate affliction he is now suffering. Being, on account of this wound, unable to return with the army from California, he was discharged there without any allowance to pay his travelling expenses home. On account of his disability he was obliged to remain in California some three months before he could get a passage home, being unable to travel by land. Finally, by a slow and tedious journey, *via* Peru, Jamaica, and other places, he was enabled to reach New Orleans.

“It is for a remuneration by Congress of his travelling expenses that the memorialist now petitions Congress.

“The committee, looking at the great affliction he has suffered in behalf of his country, and at the fact that he was doing duty as a staff officer at the time of his wound, think that he is entitled at the hands of the government to his travelling expenses, and they therefore report the accompanying bill.”

Your committee, concurring in said report, herewith present a bill for the relief of the petitioner, and recommend its passage.

